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SUBJECT: BRITISH RESPONSE TO TURKS AND ACTIONS TOWARDS
GREECE.

1. EVENING JULY 16 BRITISH REPLIED TO TURKISH NOTE THAT
THEY PREPARED CONSULT BEGINNING TOMORROW. THEY COULD
DISCUSS IN ANKARA OR LONDON, AS TURKS PREFER.

2. IN DISCUSSION WITH TURKISH EMBASSY HERE SAME EVENING,
BRITISH (FCO OFFICIAL LEVEL) AND TURKS ARGUED THAT
SAMPSON IS SINGULARLY POOR AND DANGEROUS CHOICE FOR
PRESIDENT. TURKS SAID SITUATIONS IS MORE DANGEROUS
FOR LOCAL TURKISH COMMUNITY WITH HIM AS HEAD OF
STATE.

3. AS ADDRESSEES AWARE, BRITISH ALSO INSTRUCTED THEIR
AMBASSADOR IN ATHENS TO SUGGEST TO GOG THAT IN
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INTEREST OF PEACE BEST THING WOULD BE WITHDRAWAL OF

GREEK NATIONAL GUARD OFFICERS FROM CYPRUS. HE
CARRIED OUT THIS INSTRUCTION WITH KYPREOS TODAY.
THEY ALSO SUGGESTED GOG MAKE UNAMBIGUOUS STATEMENT
AFFIRMING SUPPORT FOR INDEPENDENT CYPRUS (WHICH
KYPREOS MADE APPARENTLY BEFORE RECEIPT OF BRITISH
COMMUNICATION). IN THE EVENT, BRITISH AMBASSADOR
SOFT-PEDALED SUGGESTION FOR WITHDRAWAL OF NG OFFICERS,
FCO SOURCE CONFIDES, SINCE MAKARIOS' FLIGHT FROM
PAPHOS REDUCES CHANCES OF A BLOODY BATTLE THERE.
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